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D.A. Can't Lean Harder on Male Hustlers

MILWAUKEE — The prosecution tactic of Dist. Atty. E. Michael McCann to lean harder on suspected male hustlers here — with felony charges for prostitution instead of the previously customary disorderly conduct (misdemeanor) charge — has run into a stone wall in the district court of Judge Terence Evans.

The judge has ruled that Wisconsin's prostitution law is very clearly written to apply only to women. Section 944.30 states that "any female" who engages in a number of specified sexual acts for money or other valuable consideration shall be guilty of prostitution. It makes no mention of men.

McCann and his assistant, Peter Donohue, tried to stretch the interpretation, however, by citing a state law on "ambiguities." The special provision permits "ambiguous" nouns to be construed as meaning either male or female suspects.

But Judge Evans shot the argument down. "There is nothing ambiguous about the word 'female,' as it appears in the statute," he said. The ruling came in a dismissal of charges against Charles McGhee, 21, of Milwaukee, who Donohue said was arrested by plainclothes officers in a

car while the defendant was "completely in female attire."

Donohue said the district attorney's office began about five months ago to prosecute hustlers under the prostitution statute instead of the disorderly conduct provision. Prostitution carries a one-year imprisonment penalty, while disorderly conduct threatens a maximum of 90 days in jail.

The Evans ruling set the district attorney's office back, Donohue said, primarily because other judges have already rendered convictions of men under the same prostitution statute. "The question was never raised before," he said.

The situation is replete with potential twists of law and ironies as it heads toward appeals court. Both McCann and Donohue are determined to test Evans' ruling in a higher court, in an effort to preserve their prosecutions against men.

At the same time, a man convicted earlier by a different judge is appealing his case to the same Criminal Appeals Division. The prostitution statute likewise appears vulnerable to challenge by females charged under its provisions because of an apparent discrimination on the basis of sex.

The Drag Times

WORLD WIDE NEWS OF THE TRANSVESTITE COMMUNITY

LES GIRLS

A glittering crowd of New York's drag society wore their ermine and pearls up to Harlem for the anniversary of the Les Girls Revue.

Well-known along the trade called Black Club Circuit, Les Girls were celebrating still another milestone in their history. The revue features a regular contingent of black female impersonators plus guest stars. All are required to work "live" with a band. Consequently, Les Girls are probably one of the last live shows working throughout the country.

Of note was that the anniversary was held in Charlies Gallery on 125th Street, a former site of the famous COTTON CLUB. The club is also down the street from the famed Apollo Theatre, and was said to have had a policy of barring the stars of the JEWEL BOX REVUE when it was in one of its month-long engagements.

Several of Les Girls were Jewel Box regulars, and to hold their anniversary at Charlies Gallery was to them, and the local drag community, a major victory. All the girls turned out in their best and more than one limousine deposited a female impersonator at the door!



Members of the Revue entertained and received much affection and applause from the Harlem crowd cheering the success of their own. The show, loose in form, featuring friends, entertainers and surprise guests, and past members of Les Girls, lasted almost three hours. Highlights were many, including the singing of Ruth Brown, Rochelle Taylor and the dancing of the famous AVIS of the 82 Club. Congratulations and continued success.

TRANSSEXUAL NEARS TRIAL IN MALPRACTICE SUIT

A transsexual has filed a \$3 million malpractice suit against her doctor, claiming the physician's inept surgery has left her in a state of limbo unable to enjoy her new sexuality.

Judy Bowen, who underwent the sex change nearly seven years ago contends that the doctors performed a "hurried" operation resulting in her inability to totally identify with members of either gender and experience sexual satisfaction.

In her disposition for the case, Bowen, 30, attempted to explain the anguish she experienced as a result of the "unsuccessful" operation.

"Physically, I am a female from all appearances. Now I cannot get involved with anyone that will lead to any kind of sexual activity where anyone will know anything about me in the past.

"No one can really get to know me. I cannot know anyone. Friends, yes, but no one can know about me."

In their defense, the doctors involved, George T. Whittle and John Clark, asserted that they followed appropriate medical procedures and properly performed the operation.

The physicians maintain that Bowen was negligent because she refused or failed to obey certain treatment recommendations they made.

Bowen's case has been pending for nearly six years in the federal courts, but is expected to finally be heard next month by U.S. District Court Judge Clarkson S. Fisher in Trenton.

According to court papers, Bowen was born Garland Wayne Bowen and lived in Tennessee with his mother, father, three brothers and sister.

During his high school years, Bowen became increasingly aware of the gender tension within him and sometimes relented to the feminine drive, dressing as a woman on various occasions. While attending the University of Tennessee, he wore male clothing during the day in class but donned dresses and other female apparel at night.

Bowen said his parents initially were very upset and took him to a psychiatrist. In the deposition, Bowen briefly described what happened.

"He (the psychiatrist) said be myself and he told my parents that they couldn't expect me to be a male and live as a male because my body fought against it and that I would have to live as a female and could not be happy unless I did, so they stopped caring."

After college, Bowen moved to New York and worked as a bookkeeper for several years seeking

more medical advice. Eventually he began hormone therapy and, dressed as a female, obtained employment as a secretary.

After two years of hormone treatment, Bowen underwent castration and a few weeks later went to Jersey Shore Medical Center for the second operation.

Dr. Whittle performed the procedure, assisted by Clark, the court papers said. Bowen said she was assured the operation was simple and expected there would be no problems.

But shortly after the 90-minute surgery, Bowen developed serious bleeding problems and eventually had to be returned to the operating room.

In addition to the bleeding, Bowen also experienced problems with proper positioning of her new sexual organs. Although the doctors finally managed to correct the problem, Bowen claimed the operation was never properly completed, leaving her unable to experience complete sexual satisfaction.

Bowen maintained she had pain for nearly a year after the operation and had been unable to resume many of her normal activities, including regular employment.

The defendants — the doctors and the hospital — have denied all Bowen's charges and have asked that a jury hear the case and decide who was negligent.

Erectible Penis Possible



KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Surgeons at the University of Missouri have reported that they have performed the first female to male transsexual operation in which the patient was given a penis capable of erection.

The doctors said the penis contains a tiny hydraulic system that permitted a fluid to be pumped from a reservoir in the abdomen into the penis to cause erection. The patient is sterile.

Requirements for Jets' Football Gear — TRANSVESTISM!



"Hose that line," so the order went down from the front office of the football Jets. It was a tall order, indeed!

The former New York Jets' coach ordered the team's equipment manager to find six dozen pairs

of pantyhose to fit the prototype Jet: 6 foot, 2 inches, 235 lbs. The equipment manager hunted around New York City and came up with some sheer opaques in sizes 3X and 4X. These fit hips from 48-54 inches and 54 to 58 inch girths. Shades chosen were optional.

The Jets' coach made the pantyhose decision for practical reasons. He has refused to let his players wear thermals, because they add extra bulk and weight, sag between the legs, and cause players to sweat. Now, there is nothing nastier than a sweaty football player!

Actually, the sweating in the cold increases the possibilities of colds, which the coach wishes to avoid. Pantyhose was chosen as the perfect alternative, as they provide warmth without weight.

Very few pairs were said to run, so they were practical, too. See what Joe Namath (DRAG No. 17) started? You thought he was the only one? Wait 'til they get to corselettes. . .

Sex Change Twins Murdered

Police have issued warrants for a man wanted in the killing of two brothers who had undergone sex changes. The victims were found shot to death in their North Nashville, Tenn. apartment.

Police said Cynthia Coffman, 22, died from a bullet wound in the left temple, and Felicia Coffman, 22, died from a wound in the upper chest. Cynthia was found in the yard of their apartment building and Felicia was found in the kitchen.

Police are searching for Dan Edward Jones, 23, in connection with the slayings. Investigators say they have an eyewitness to the shooting.

Officer Dwayne Phillips said Jones and Cynthia Coffman had an argument the night before the slaying occurred. He said Miss Coffman struck the man in the head with a wine bottle, and he then chased her outside with a pistol.

Phillips, who talked to the Coffmans Saturday night, said Cynthia had already undergone a sex change operation, and her brother was scheduled to have an operation. The officer said Felicia was taking hormone shots in preparation for the operation. The twins were living at the apartment with another woman, police said.

A police officer who grew up with the Coffmans said they were born as part of a set of triplets, two boys and one girl. Cynthia was originally named John, and Felicia was originally named Solomon.

"When I knew them, they were little boys. And when they grew up, they decided to get into a different thing," the officer said.

It was not known when the twins began the sex change. A spokesman for Vanderbilt Hospital, which performs sex change operations, said the process is a lengthy one, requiring hormone injections and living six months as a female before the operation is performed.

John Coffman (Cynthia) had been arrested twice for impersonating a female, and Solomon Coffman (Felicia) was arrested on charges of impersonating a female for the purpose of prostitution.

Cynthia had applied for a job with a nursing referral service. "We were not aware that she had had a sex change," said Joe Hall, of the Medical Personnel Pool.

Cynthia and Felicia were at their apartment the night Jones came over to visit their roommate, Phillips said. Cynthia and Jones began arguing over a lost pocket knife and she struck the man with a bottle.

Police said Miss Coffman and Jones were taken downtown after the incident. Miss Coffman decided to drop an assault and battery charge against the man, police said, when she learned he intended to file a charge of malicious cutting against her.

TS DISCHARGED FROM NAVAL RESERVE



At left is Sgt. Joanna Clark as she appears after sex change surgery, and right, before the operation, as Chief Petty Officer Michael Clark.

It was a good serviceman's career. Chief Petty Officer Michael Clark had spent nearly 12 years in the Navy. During this period he accumulated a folder full of commendations and was highly liked by his colleagues.

A certain Sgt. I. C. Joanna Clark has spent nearly two years in the U.S. Army reserves. She, too, accumulated a file folder of commendations and is well liked by her colleagues.

Michael and Joanna Clark are the same, as you may have guessed. She is possibly the only person to serve in the armed forces as both a man and a woman.

Mr. Clark was in the Navy from 1957 to 1969. He received an honorable discharge. Following this he came to grips with his transsexual personality. In 1975, he underwent a sex change operation and became legally recognized as a woman — Ms. Joanna Clark.

Several months following the surgery, Clark enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve, where she served for nearly 19 months as a sergeant first class. She joined the Reserve because she had liked the military and, with nearly 16 years in the

U.S. Naval Reserve, hoped to accumulate a few more years of service toward military retirement benefits.

When Clark walked into the Army Reserve Center in nearby Los Alamitos nearly two years ago, she did not hide the fact that she was a transsexual — and Lt. Col. Art Wolford, U.S. Army (ret.), an administrator for the 49th Medical Battalion, assured her the sex-change operation didn't matter.

"I'm the one who enlisted her, and she made absolutely no attempt to hide her background," Wolford said recently, a few days before he received orders from 6th Army Headquarters not to discuss the case with the press. "It didn't bother me one bit. She was a person qualified to do the job we needed done."

But Wolford, a civilian employed by the Department of the Army, obviously was wrong about the sex change operation not mattering. Officially, the Army took a dim view of having an admitted transsexual in its ranks.

So, after 19 months of Army service, Sgt. Clark received a letter informing her she was being released.

The official statement from the office of the chief of legislative liaison reads: "In accordance with current Army Regulation 40-501 an individual with abnormalities and defects of the genitalia such as a change of sex is disqualified for enlistment. It is the Department of the Army policy not to waive this disqualification due to the requirement for continuing maintenance therapy and the high incidence of psychological problems associated with the condition."

Why was Joanna Clark allowed to serve for 19 months before the regulation was enforced?

The answer to that question is under investigation by the Army Inspector General's Office in Washington.

"We won't get any comment from them until that investigation is complete," said Lt. Col. Hugh Waite, chief of the news branch in the Army's office of public affairs.

When that investigation will be completed Waite does not know.

Proper Cell for TS

BRIGHTON, Colo. — What cell block do you put a person in who has had three sex change operations? And, if you're a county judge in a small Colorado community, what do you make of the situation?

That was the problem when the prisoner, Sherich Miller, 33, was extradited from California to Colorado on a felony theft warrant.

The County Physician recommended segregation and the Public Defender demanded Miller be placed in the women's cell block.

The Public Defender prevailed.

Worth More to Stay a Male?

VENTURA, Cal. — Men, what price would you put on your penis? Ancel Lesley, 43, has accepted \$9,000 for his lost penis.

He had brought a \$3 million malpractice suit against three physicians claiming they caused the loss of his penis, but he settled out of court for the lesser sum.

Lesley said he was being treated by the three doctors for an abscess on his right thigh when the physicians took skin grafts from his left thigh, accidentally nicking his penis with a scalpel. Gangrene set in and the organ had to be amputated.

All parties involved agreed to the settlement.

EXCUSE ME

In San Francisco, Jeanne Cook, a meter maid who wears the same uniform as her male counterparts, said that she now wears a tie clasp with the word "girl" engraved on it.

"We're tired of being called 'sir' and we're tired of having people swear at us because they think we're men," she said.

So, maybe they should stay out of drag?

GIRLS BEHAVE!

Soldier Robert Beale stole dresses from a charity shop because he was a transvestite, Maldon Court heard recently. Beale, 20, was stopped by police after he was spotted in the charity shop window in Maldon High Street. Under his jumper he had a dress. He told police it belonged to him.

Later, however, he admitted that it and other dresses were stolen. He said he took them because he wanted to wear them.

Beale, stationed at Catterick, is due to be discharged from the Army for medical reasons, the court heard. He was given a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay 10-pounds costs.



"Not tonight, Ralph. I have a splitting headache."

TVs SMOKE TO BE FEMALE

When is a woman more like a man — and when is a man more like a woman?

Next time you are in a crowded room, observe the smokers. According to a study by the University of Toronto's environmental health department, men who smoke heavily often display feminine characteristics while female smokers tend to exhibit mascu-



For model Susan Ash, smoke in the eyes is no problem. She simply closes them — but painted eyes on her lids make her look wide-awake.

line traits. The findings resulted from a two-year study of 600 heavy smokers in conjunction with a smoking withdrawal clinic.

Males who smoke heavily, say between 30 to 40 cigarettes a day, suddenly appear to be bashful, dependent, imaginative and emotional, said Dr. Roy Shephard. On the other hand, heavy female smokers are "usually assertive, self-opinionated, forthright and self-sufficient — a very masculine sort of picture, I think."

Obviously, cigarette manufacturers "must look at the psychology of this," Shephard suspects.

"After all they have \$100 million advertising — they speak to the needs rather than the characteristics," he added, referring to the image in promotional ads.

Best Man Is a Woman

In Canwick, England, Tom Geraghty was getting married to Jane Hughes, but it was the best man who attracted attention at their wedding. Tom's best man was a woman — Jane's twin sister, Mary!

Rev. Leonard Goulding said it was "all perfectly legal as there were no rules governing the sex of the best man."

Said Tom, "I've no complaints — she's much better looking than any of my mates."

WELL!

L.A. Police Instructed on Status of TS

The Los Angeles City Attorney has issued an opinion stating that post-operative transsexuals, when books and processed for custody, should be regarded in accordance with their "sexual gender" after surgery.

In Opinion No. 75-147, Deputy City Attorney James M. Hodges has replied to questions raised by L.A. Police Chief Davis, in connection with procedures used by the Hollywood Operations Division. Davis had indicated that, in the course of booking, a person claiming to be a transsexual would be examined by a doctor for determination of his or her sex; separation of male and female prisoners is required by Penal Code Section 4002.

Hodges' opinion recognizes that "[a] person legally becomes a member of the opposite sex once that person has undergone surgical sex reassignment . . . [which is] the removal of the existing genitalia and the creation of new genitalia." Since a post-operative transsexual would be carrying miscellaneous identification papers reflecting the sex-change, "that person will need no further confirmation of the claimed sexual status."

However, "[if] a question arises as to the presence or absence of male genitalia, a physical examination should be given by either the jail doctor or another physician, as is currently done by the Hollywood Division."

The city attorney's opinion cites "Transsexualism and Sex Reassignment" by Richard Green and John Money, "Clinical Sexuality" by John F. Oliven, "The Transsexual Phenomenon" by Harry Benjamin, and "Sex and Gender" by Robert J. Stoller.



CHRYISIS, TOO HOT TO HANDLE

Chrysis St. Laurent, probably one of the sexiest impersonators of all times, has another first. While causing a sensation in the London edition of "ZOU" she posed for a series of color photographs, which frontally showed her...err...manly attributes.

Realizing that the beautifully photographed sequence would be a popular item in the States, Lee's Mardi Gras Ent., Inc., contracted to be the U.S. distributor. Accordingly, the magazines were purchased, and were readied for shipment.

Upon arrival the custom officials stepped in. The beautiful Chrysis, naked and alone, was just too hot to handle. The whole series of magazines were deemed obscene and confiscated at a loss of over \$1,000. Lee's Mardi Gras contemplated a lawsuit.

"There was never any doubt that despite the nature of the magazines we would have won a lawsuit. Obscenity standards almost always fall unless there is actual 'penetration' and these were just nudes posed in a non-sexual manner. However, the lawsuit would have dragged out and lawyers get greedy and charge astronomical fees to defend this issue. Any gain would have been a loss of more than any profit realized from the resale of the magazine," said Lee Brewster, president of Lee's Mardi Gras Ent., Inc.

So, Miss Chrysis must remain under cover for now. Sorry.

By U. S. Custom Authorities, That Is.



CHRYISIS

Gilded Grape's Timmy Scott . . . Gone!

N.Y.C. — It was reported that Timmy Scott of the Gilded Grape (G.G. Knickerbocker) had passed away. Mr. Scott had been for some years the show coordinator of the club, which is a favorite tv/ts hangout.

It was his policy to use many of the local customers in his several contests and features and create "club" stars of his favorites. His regular talent show packed the Club every Monday night. Mr. Scott also selected the themes of the Sunday shows such as "An Evening in Paris," or "The Wiz," and set about to find props and records which could be pantomimed and fit his theme.

He would keep the affairs moving, and the crowds jumping. His acerbic microphone manners quieted many an unruly customer, if needed. He was 42. Naturally, his passing will signal a change in policy for the club.

Boys Should Be Girls

LOS ANGELES — A University of California psychoanalyst says all little boys start life by wishing they were little girls.

This thesis, voice by Dr. Robert Stollar, contradicts the theory of Sigmund Freud, who concluded that all little girls subconsciously wished they were little boys.

Dr. Stollar told a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science that it was "only natural that all babies would want to be girls because the mother, not the father, is the parent with whom they identify first."

The doctor says he has treated hundreds of male patients who had trouble switching their "gender identity" as they grew older. Earlier in life, they had all wanted to be girls, he said.

If this is indeed true, then TVs and TSs are the only people in society who are following their normal God-given urges!

MARIO MARTINO'S EMERGENCE

Meeting Mario was like being at another family dinner. He was just one more stocky Italian obviously as at home with manicotti or pasta e checida as I would be. The only different was that Mario had incredulously once been anatomically female.

The phenomenon of genital female transsexuality is still relatively unexposed. Mario is the first to appear with any frequency on the East Coast. He is undertaking an educational promotion of his autobiography, **EMERGENCE**.

Mario appeared recently as guest of honor at a special party hosted by Garrett and Faye Oppenheimer of Confide Counseling Service. The party was held at the offices of Confide in the Statler Hilton Hotel.

As a person, Mario is totally disarming. He discussed in a friendly, informal manner, the details of his corrective surgery.

One could easily discern from his mode that the decision to attempt corrective surgery was justified. This was no Saturday night impersonation, or a theatrical presentation. This was a male. He was a male who unfortunately suffered from a congenital defect. The necessity for surgery was dismissed by Mario, so matter of fact. The real crisis was not hospital or pain, but money!

A good deal of Mario's discourse dealt with this problem: getting the insurance companies to pay his up to \$10,000 worth of hospital bills. It seems that many insurance houses will not accept transsexual surgery as necessary and hence coverable surgery.

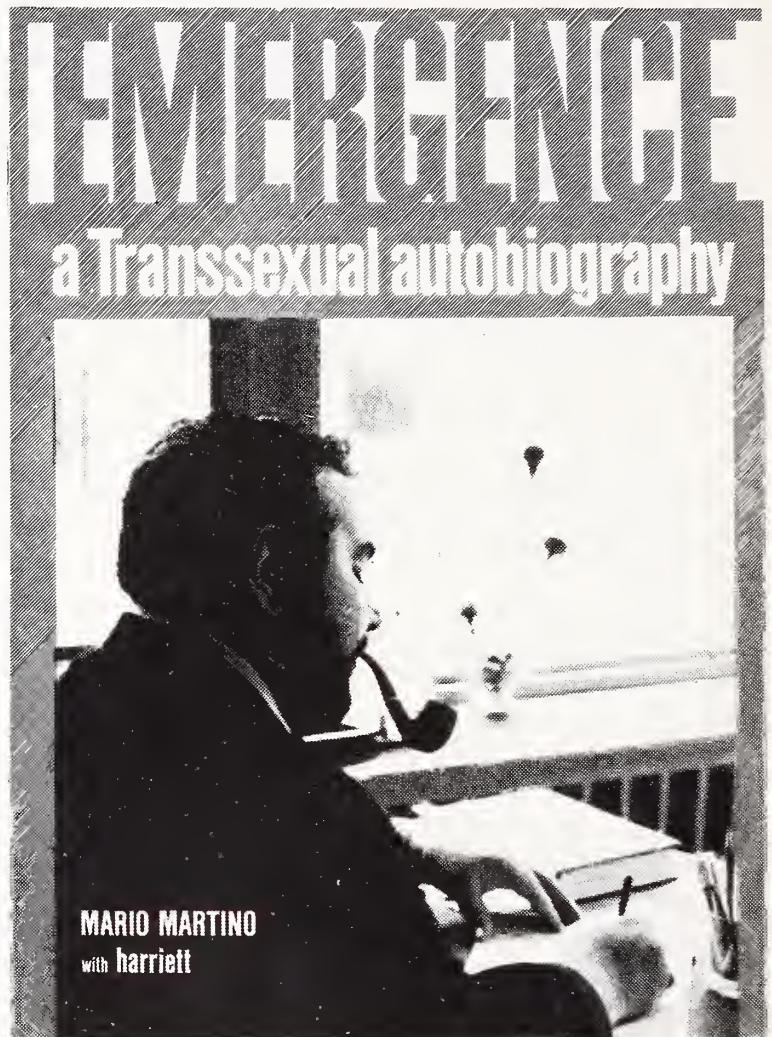
A very practical aside, in terms of hospital convalescence, were Mario's anecdotes on dealing with the professional nursing staff. As a practical nurse himself, Mario was aware of the trauma this type of surgery poses for some. Mario wisely asked to be treated by only older, female nurses.

Many, many human experiences have abounded in Mario's life. The bulk of these are contained in Mario's book.

It is extremely well written. For the female to male transsexual it is necessary and informative. The average reader will become involved with the person's trying to find himself in a very complex and confusing world.

As a person of similar cultural background, I related strongly to Mario's family difficulties. Many times dealing with what should give you your greatest support proves to give you your greatest pain.

Anyone who has been in love can relate to



Mario's relationship with his Becky. He now has someone with whom to share his life.

The interview and meeting was a most charming affair. For those of you who wish to read **EMERGENCE**, it is now available through our book service.

I urge all of you involved in the field of gender identity to explore it further through this pioneer.

TV'S CONTROL TEXAS PROSTITUTION?

SAN ANTONIO — Police here claim that about half of the hookers on their city streets are really drag queens. A recent vice squad crackdown resulted in the arrest of one hundred prostitutes, almost fifty of whom turned out to be males in female clothing. Captain Despres of the San Antonio Police said that the men would be prosecuted the same as the women, and there would be no discrimination.

Spike Heels Make Glamorous Return

It is official New York's DAILY NEWS, the supposed largest paper in the world, has given its fashion fiat: Spike Heels are now back in fashion.

Fashion magazines are full of models in recumbent positions with legs stretched out, or up in the air to show ankle straps. The actual heels were often gilded or silver-plated to make their height look more dramatic.

Girls on the street were already swaying, while those in San Tropez, France developed their own fashion. Spike heels are being worn with Bobby Sox there.

The owner of London's most chic shoe shop has reported a sellout run. It was necessary for him to restock and expand his line.

It was remembered that, in this country, the shoe with the narrow toe and spike heel reigned throughout the fifties. Heels that caught in subway gratings, or broke suddenly and left the wearer limping, were daily occurrences.

It just goes to prove how fashion can come full circle.



Stockings are important again. Because there will be lots of black dresses, there will also be lots of black stockings and cutout black pumps and sandals worn with them.

It looks as if women and TVs who have been hiding under pheasant skirts and shawls are going to have a fling with traditional sexy fashions. About time, too!

Gay Rights Bill Affects Status of Drag

On opposite sides of the country, two major cities, San Francisco and New York have adopted Gay Rights measures, with varying interest to the transvestite.

The New York statute consists of an executive order from newly installed Mayor Koch. It directly affects all city (public) agencies under the jurisdiction of the mayor. The order can be changed at the whim of this or any future mayor.

As an aside, Koch took a chance on instituting this measure, as he had been the subject of discussion concerning alleged homosexual activity during his campaign.

This measure says nothing with regards to dress and doesn't pertain to the crossdresser.

However, a much stronger measure was adopted by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. It is said to be the most stringent measure adopted in the nation. With only one of the 11 supervisors opposing the measure and Mayor George Moscone publicly committed to signing it, the ordinance, which bans discrimination in employment, housing and public accommodations based on sexual preferences, seems assured of becoming law after a required second reading.

"This will be the most stringent gay rights law in the country," said Supervisor Harvey Milk, the first open homosexual to serve on the city-county legislature. "This one has teeth; a person can go to court if his rights are violated once this is passed."

Mr. Milk said homosexuals were "ecstatic" that the long-delayed ordinance had finally been brought up for a vote and had received initial approval by such a large margin.

Supervisor Dan White, who voted against the ordinance, said that his objection to the measure was based on its "intrusion" into the city's private sector — especially those businesses or schools that do not receive public funds and that might have strong personal or moral reasons for not wanting to hire homosexuals.

"According to the city attorney's office, if a transvestite shows up at a private school with all the qualifications for teaching, they cannot refuse to hire him for an opening even if they object to having a man dressed as a woman in their school," Mr. White said, adding, "I respect the private rights of all people, including gays."

We wonder if this will start a mass migration of transvestites to California . . .

Dick Cavett Guest of Gays at Drag Show

Dick Cavett and his wife, Carrie Nye, were the guests of honor at a special drag show at the Post Office Lounge in New Orleans this spring. Cavett, who was in town to gather material for a new TV (television) show, expressed a desire to see a drag show. Within hours, "Ginger Snapp," local drag queen, had made all the arrangements, and by 11 p.m. that same night, the Post Office Lounge was packed to the rafters awaiting the arrival of Cavett and Miss Nye. Phil Esteve, owner of the Post Office, was somewhat apprehensive as he had not met Cavett and was footing the bill for the show purely on "Ginger Snapp's" word that Cavett would show.

Promptly at 11:00, Cavett and party entered, and the show went on as scheduled. The show consisted of 23 numbers put on by 12 of the better drag performers in the city, such as "Brandy Lynn," Miss Post Office '76, and "Ricki Lane."

The Cavetts apparently enjoyed the show greatly and tried to melt into the audience like any other spectator. Backstage, before the show, Cavett suggested to the cast that they play it as if he and his wife were not in the audience. They did, and did not play up to the celebrity at their table.

After the show, Cavett and Carrie Nye got up on the stage and answered questions, one of which had to do with Anita Bryant.

"I thought she was here — I thought I saw her throwing oranges," quipped Cavett, as the audience howled. Cavett did say, in a serious moment, that he thought the entertainment industry had more or less fallen out of love with Miss Bryant because of her stand on the gay issue.

After the questions were over and Cavett and

his party were leaving, he turned to Phil Esteve, the host, and said: "I came to see a show but I didn't expect to be entertained."

Religious Group Traps Half-Complete TS in Limbo!

OKLAHOMA CITY — In a recent development here, the directors of the Baptist General Convention voted overwhelmingly to permanently ban the transsexual operation at the Baptist Medical Center. This followed a three-month moratorium while the convention was pondering its decision. Previous to the moratorium, approximately fifty (50) operations had been done over the past four years.

The medical center was being used as part of the services referred by the Oklahoma Gender Identity Foundation. It is negotiating a switch to University Hospital, where a few operations had been completed. It is expected there will be a transitional period until full services can be expected.

The Rev. Joe Ingram, executive director of the Baptist General Convention, said the vote to forbid the operations reflected the belief that sex changes are not consistent with the hospital's function "as an instrument of God's grace in enriching and prolonging human life within the scope of Divine Providence."

Dr. Curtis Nigh, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Midwest City, was the only one of the 56 members of the convention's board of directors to cast a vote in continuing the operations.

"I just felt like the people who wanted it (the operation) had satisfied themselves that the psychiatric avenues were pretty well exhausted."

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Metamorphosis provides special services for sexual minorities. Our programs at this time are particularly directed to the transsexual, whose commitment to life requires more preparation and more assistance. A separate program has been organized for transvestites.

One of our concerns is the negative attitude that the mental health establishment and the public have taken in the past in regards to being ourselves — **to be that which we are!** Transsexualism has been, and still is, looked upon as a perversion, a sexual deviation, and a sickness. Attempts to aid transsexuals in reaching their goals and attaining some coherence and peace of mind are often met with rejection, condemnation, and even ridicule; leaving bitterness and disillusionment in their wake. The treatment generally provided was directed toward "curing" the individual of a **sickness**. One of the factors that sets a transsexual apart is the heart-breaking anguish of the transsexual's gender disharmony, and the almost total unwillingness of the mental health establishment to provide the empathy and understanding necessary to grasp this concept and to furnish any constructive assistance.

In addition, the social hurdles that many have to overcome, such as rejection, guilt, loneliness, an inability to cope, lack of confidence, and many, many others, have proven formidable indeed. For the transsexual it is of the utmost importance to obtain as much guidance, insight, empathy, and training as possible.

There exists a real and vital need in this area for in-depth groups willing and able to explore the multitude of problems encountered in our daily lives.

Metamorphosis is now organizing group workshops specifically designed to share and explore the unique problems facing transsexuals in today's society. These will be serious endeavors, and are not social gatherings.

The group will provide all of the participants with the opportunity to become involved and to express themselves. Group feedback will be an integral part of the process.

Please note that a fee will be charged for participation in the group. A preliminary interview is required, for which there is no charge.

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Girls do love to party! Of course, no one can party better than a bunch of crossdressers out for a night of excitement.

What occasion was more legendary, more meaningful, and more fun to the Drag than Hal-

loween, our National Holiday for partying? Hell, in the most uptight of communities, you could get away with being yourself on Halloween. The police would even escort you to your party! And wish you good evening! More than witches would fly that night.

Remember the preparation, the decisions? What should I wear? Do I full drag? Should I be campy, or dare I be serious?

It was good to go out, too. I was a bit old for apple bobbing, and truly couldn't stand another baby witch or pirate ringing my bell. The truth is, there must be something genetic in all of us that hits on October 31, and compels us to search out the backs of closets for that one, last, show-stopping outfit.

There have been several changes in the Halloween scene hereabouts. Many of the local gay



bars have set up their own little contests, or balls. These serve about 100 to 200 patrons, and naturally are more intimate affairs than the balls. The clientele it follows is mostly gay male, this is a change from the population of the Drag Ball. Another truth is that many of these clubs would frown upon a regular drag attendance. Camp is one thing, but everyday . . . no!

I chose to patronize a Halloween affair at a bar which has a drag clientele, the G.G. Knickerbocker on Manhattan's West 45th Street.

You could just feel the atmosphere was going to be festive as you hit the door. The weather outside was chilly, and my thin-strapped evening gown offered little protection as the wind whistled about my powdered shoulders. What could one do? High-necked wool turtlenecks wouldn't have cut it. Such is the price of glamour.

How did you get to that ball anyway? Were you so scared as to rent a room in the hotel which housed the ballroom? Did you cab it? Or get nervy and use public transportation? Did you dress in time to get there at all?

Yes, those Halloweens were some era. It's a pity most of it is past now. But girls STILL love to party, and our girls still love Halloween.

Why? Nostalgia for one reason. But, it is also the last holiday left in our casual society when you can dress formally and feel in place! It sure was nice to use my feather boa again.

Wow, how many of us made our debut on Halloween? Some of us really needed the "official" sanction of a universal dress-up holiday, to face the truth, our friends, and neighbors.





Thank the Lord, too, that both my girlfriends and myself had thought enough to dress up — we would have been outdressed by almost everyone. Let me tell you what some of the girls had on. It was just too good to keep.

There was this magnificent set of showgirls. An outsider would have thought Florenz Ziegfeld himself was gluing feathers to their behinds! While everyone in a showgirl motif was outstanding, there were several who deserve a special note.

Pamela for one. She paraded the full length of the bar twice, in piles of feathers and sequins, telling everyone, "No, I didn't know there was a contest tonight." She was just out for an evening, and left!







It WAS easier to be campy, let's face it. Everyone could accept your going out as a hooker, as a high-heeled booted sado-lady. But, who was ready to deal with the girl-next-door's initial appearance?

Who can forget dressing for Halloween? Remember how the easy-to-apply eyeliner ran into your eye, and almost blinded you? Did you ever also glue your eyes shut? What about the run you got in that right stocking which wasn't nearly long enough to begin with. You just haven't lived until a garterbelt slips and pops into your face! Black eyes were in!





Merudi deserves a mention. She became queen of the evening. Rarely is one going to see a better body than hers. A REAL showstopper, she was.

The others, Crystal, Eve, Pam, all are beautiful and all too many for me to name any more!

One of two gay witches flew in for the evening — well, it was their holiday, too. I liked that sweet tall nurse, who forgot to shave her chest.

There was a real debut, too. Miss Tish introduced her newest protege to the crowds.

It seemed that anyone and everyone who had the slightest bit of girl in them — Come on, we know all about your stragglers on — femmed that night! Of course, all weren't ready to go all the way, many still needed that male security well-tended moustache to offset their drag!





They looked so cute! You felt just like a mother saying, "Ah . . ." when you say them. Johnny's growing up to be Joanne. I guess a lot of little girls were trying to come out for the first time.

Halloween, this year, was such a good high! I don't think a queen would have started a fight that night if you had told her that her boyfriend was a sissy! Old friends renewed acquaintances; old enemies exchanged new hard looks — but friendly, mind you. I even spoke to some people I couldn't stand. That's how positive the vibes were!

The party atmosphere effervesced so long, I thought the evening would continue endlessly. But no, finally the contest was announced. It was just like a ball. Best Costume, Best Male Costume, Queen, etc.

The bets were on the favorites and sure enough they won. So you didn't agree with all the choices — your friend didn't win. It was Halloween, normal rules just didn't apply that night. Besides, if you were anyway good, the audience applause told you so. Was that part fun! I guess we all get off on a little recognition!



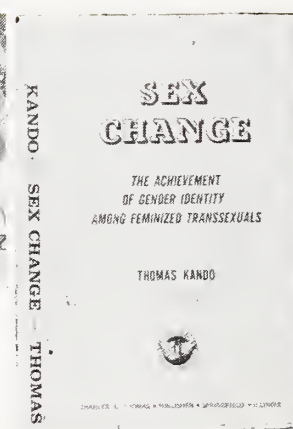
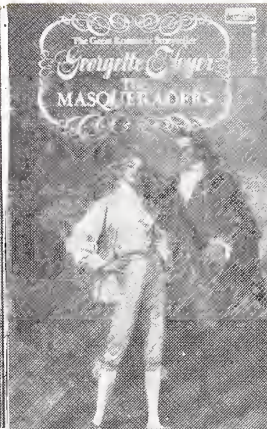
Since the admission price guaranteed entry into an after-hours' club, disco, our partying lasted well into the wee hours, even if the make-up didn't.

It's funny, thought, it seemed so cold when we arrived at 11, but it wasn't so when we left the G.G. at 4 a.m. Could that have been part of a friendly TV witch's magic, too? Trick or treat

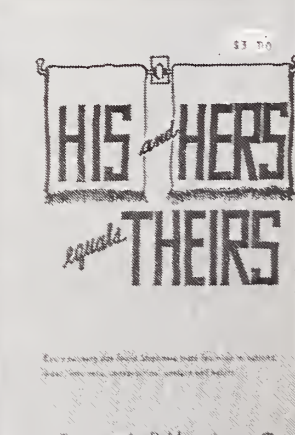
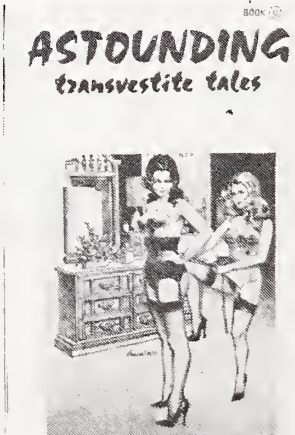




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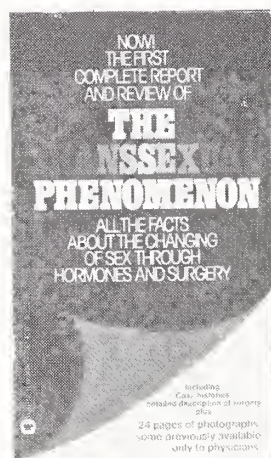
Linda Lee's Drag Scene



Well, here I am again, more or less, having cleverly missed the last two issues, not knowing when the deadline was (not, mind you, that I didn't ask). A few items of interest have come up. The first couple concern books. Harry Benjamin's **THE TRANSSEXUAL PHENOMENON** is finally in print again, this time as a mass market paperback from Warner. At \$1.95, this book is an absolute must for anyone not familiar with it. Dr. Benjamin is one of the pioneers in the medical and scientific study of the transsexual. His book is immensely readable and is **THE** cornerstone book on the subject for laymen.

Dr. Benjamin is the man who put forth the concept that, if the personality can't be altered to fit the body, then perhaps the body should be altered to fit the personality. If for no other reason, (and there are numerous other reasons) we should be grateful to Dr. Benjamin for this humane philosophy, so different from earlier approaches to TS-is.

Those who haven't read his book, should. It's widely available at bookstores or I imagine Lee can supply it (Ed. Note: I can.)



Another excellent book now out in paperback is **CANARY**, the autobiography of Canary Conn. All the good things I said about the hardback apply equally to the paperback. In addition Bantam, who publishes the paperback has done a very nice job and physically the book is a handsome one. Also, the photographs of Canary have been updated which makes the book interesting even to people who have seen the hardback edition.

While I was in Los Angeles in the early fall, I was lucky enough to see Canary and have a chance to talk to her about current projects.

The short-sightedness and nervousness of the recording industry has so far kept a contract in that medium elusive, so Canary's major projects right now are a couple of other books. I'll have more information on these as they become available.

Lots of you have had a chance to see Canary on television since, in the course of the publicity campaign for the paperback edition of **CANARY**, she visited cities all across the U.S. and was on local and national interview shows wherever she went.

Several correspondents have written to say how impressed they were with the way Canary comes across. It's very true and her book is just as impressive. If you haven't read it, you should. Hardback or paper, it's the same moving story of a talented, courageous person. I have both editions in my library.

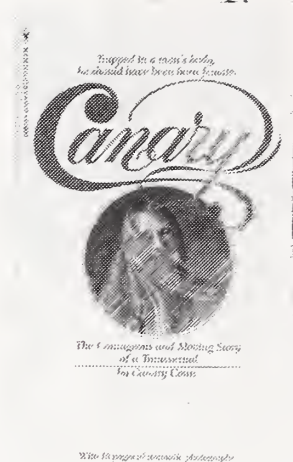
On the news of a more personal nature . . .

A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of being part of a panel on TSism for the National Sex Forum, a non-profit organization here in San Francisco.

Also on the panel were Katherine Rosen, a male-female TS, and Steve Dain, a female-male TS, about whom many of you may have heard because of the national publicity his case generated.

I represented, I guess, that great grey area in between.

Both Ms. Rosen and Mr. Dain have extremely dramatic stories to tell and I wasn't sure that the audience of doctors, therapists, counselors and other professionals in the field would be very in-



terested in my life, which has been pretty tame by comparison.

However, my fears were unfounded as the audience was responsive and appreciative. In fact, the warmth between audience and speakers was unusually strong and gratifying.

Because the audience was made up of knowledgeable people, the questions were intelligent and insightful.

The staff at the Forum were gracious and helpful, particularly Maggie Rubenstein who arranged things, and Wardell Pomeroy (co-author of several of the famous Kinsey reports and, in his own right, author of a number of important books) who moderated the panel.

Even though this was the first time I've spoken

to a group primarily consisting of professional people, and was understandably nervous about the undertaking, the people at the Forum, and, indeed, the audience itself, put me at ease and made what could have been a chore, a pleasure.

I was flattered to be in such distinguished company and extremely pleased that my presentation went well and met with good response.

Altogether it was a splendid experience and one I hope to repeat. I thank the people at the National Sex Forum for making it possible.

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Not much else to report at this time. If you have news, know about news, or are making news, drop me a line at: Linda Lee, P.O. Box 11551, Palo Alto, Calif. 94306.



Science Intercepts Sexy Message

The chemical messenger that tells a fetus to become a boy instead of a girl has been discovered by scientists at the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Abnormalities in the production of the chemical messenger could be involved in such phenomena as transsexuality, an expert on human sexual development stated. But much more research is needed before scientists can change current theory, which holds that social and societal influences play the most important part in determining sexual behavior, said Dr. John Money, head of the Gender Identity Clinic at Johns Hopkins University.

The discovery of the sex messenger was described by Stephen S. Wachtel, an immunologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering. Wachtel and Money spoke at a briefing sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Science Writing. The exact makeup of the messenger has not been determined. The genetic differences between men and women have been known for years. Women have two large X chromosomes. Men have one X chromosome and a smaller Y chromosome. More recently, biologists found that all fetuses are created female. The presence of the Y chromosome sends a flood of male hormones over the fetus, causing it to develop into a male. Wachtel and his collabora-

tors have found that the Y chromosome does its work by producing H-Y antigen, which is found in the cell walls of all men, but not in women.

H-Y antigen has been found in a number of species of animals and could play the sex-determining role in every animal, Wachtel said. In both animals and men, he said, H-Y antigen abnormalities have been found in cases of obvious sexual abnormalities, such as hermaphroditism, in which individuals have a mixture of male and female characteristics. But Dr. Money stressed that it is all strictly a theory at this time.

In his clinic, Money has studied a number of cases in which an individual who is genetically male thinks and behaves completely as a female, and vice versa. In about one birth in a thousand, he said, genital development is so imperfect that the sex of the baby is uncertain. In such cases, he said, the identity that is assigned to the baby is the deciding factor in sexual behavior.

If the above statements are proven true, then the whole concept of sexual identity as being correlated to genitalia must be reevaluated. Also, psychiatrists who have made a career of counseling transsexuals out of their gender dysphoria would be out of practice. Their concept of acquired and hence changeable behavior and identity would be grossly incorrect.

Housewife Superstar Dame Edna Educates

"It's marvelous to be here, in the United States," so speaking, Dame Edna Everage proceeded to expound, with delightful, expispastic enunciations her ex cathedra opinions of life in these United States.

For the uninformed ignorant, Dame Edna is the stage personification of Barry Humphries, a bold down-under comic actor. He has repeated his Australian and English stage successes here.

Larger than life, literally, Dame Edna juggernauts along her monologue, leaving her audience in fits of unrelieved laughter. Following his year's sojourn in London, Barry decided it was time for Dame Edna to sample what the States were about.

It was no small achievement, that she devoured the New York Critics while on the way.

The dame actor is a tradition of the English theatre dating back to pre-Shakespearean times. The male would don the garb of a staid dowager Duchess. He would then carefully incorporate many of her mannerisms into his personality, the final insult would be a comment upon and ridicule of the very role and layer of society of which she was supposed to represent. These characters were played quite broadly, for the benefit of, and the howls of the common, and wealthy untitled theatre-goers, who made up the bulk of the crowd.

It must be remembered that the theatre was not always the province of the rich. The dame was on the level of a television comedian (Milton Berle), of nowadays. To this day, English theatre — and that of the commonwealth is within the price range of the locals.

So the dame has continued to enjoy immense popularity. So much so, that certain roles have become so identified as "dameable" that it is now inconceivable for them to be played by women. Chief among these are the yearly Christmas adaptations of children stories on the London stage. The roles of the evil queen of Snow White and the step sisters of Cinderella are Dame property. They are well-conceived and sought after properties; everyone from Sir Laurence Olivier to female impersonator Danny La Rue has appeared as a stage Dame.

The only exposure the Dame has had previous to Edna has been in the movies. Alistair Sims suc-

cessfully portrayed a Dame as a larcenous school head mistress in "THE BELLES OF ST. TRINIANS," Alec Guinness did the same in "KIND HEARTS AND CORONETS." Monty Python is currently captivating television audiences with his regular Dame portrayals on "Monty Python's Flying Circus."

In reality, it was quite a bit of daring for Barry Humphries to attempt a New York appearance. The Dame is just not a part of our culture. A certain "localization" was necessary. Dame Edna became, therefore, "Dame Edna Everage, Housewife Superstar."

She is a doddering middle-age woman beset with the foibles of a foreign visitor to our shores. She likes our food, though her favorite restaurant — Chock Full 'o Nuts — appears to be on a different corner each time she wishes to eat. Bathroom color schemes fascinate her, however "people with blue toilette water have something to hide."



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Outrageous!

OUTRAGEOUS! NO OUTRAGE!

It finally happened. Someone set out to make an entertaining movie, and ended up with the most fantastic pro-drag propaganda filmed to date.

The movie is called OUTRAGEOUS and stars famed female impersonator Craig Russell in his dramatic debut. It is understatedly one of the most sensitive, touching movies about "different" people conceived and created.

The story concerns a Canadian hairdresser, gay, who dreams of a greater destiny as a female impersonator. He wants to be a star . . . and who doesn't.

Craig's character chases his dream all the way to New York City, and the eventual lights of Broadway. Don't be deceived; this is no "fairy" tale. Vignettes ring true to anyone and everyone who has been remotely involved with the professional Drag lifestyle. You see beyond the glamour of sequin and feathers, to the leeching hustlers and \$10 engagements. No, it's not completely pretty, it's just real.

Then there is the tender, heartstring-tugging love story of Craig's relationship with his best (real) girlfriend. It is somewhat ironic that an impersonator, with several identities, is the nearly insane girl's hold on life and reality. Theirs is a genuine, albeit non-sexual, love. Again, it is not a perfect relationship, but it is a "real" ringing one.

To devotees of female impersonation the last twenty minutes or so of the movie consist of Craig Russell's nightclub act.

As previously mentioned, Craig first came to prominence as a female impersonator of Carol Channing, Judy Garland and Peggy Lee. So no more need be said, except enjoy. Thank God, too, the show sequences are filmed and recorded "live" and are not pantomime routines.

This is a must see film for all of us. You'll laugh and you'll cry and come away better for having seen it.

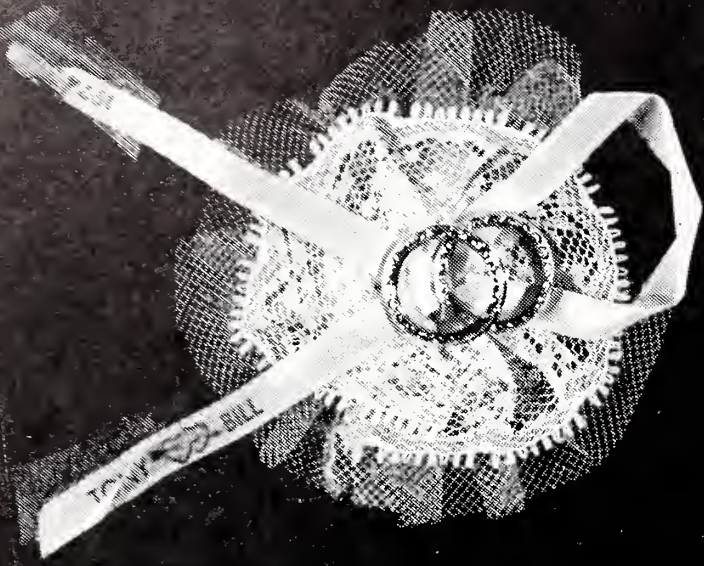
The acting of Craig Russell is at once non-affect-ed and superb. His character and he mesh into one

person fighting for his slice of the pie of love and security. The other actors match Mr. Russell with their efforts.

The film succeeds on all levels. Outrageous! — an unfortunate misnomer — will charm you with its simplicity. It is a poignant tale of two very human people, fighting against a cold and unrelenting society and being "marvelously mad" for each other. WE should be grateful for it.



WEDDING BELLE'S BLUES



Everyone loves a bride! Since June was upon us, we thought it would be grand to share a wedding with you.

Oh, think of it! A white lace veil, studded with seed pearls, an elegant train draped from a tight satin bodice. There are the lovely white peau de soie shoes — closed pumps, naturally, and of course there is the blue garter caressing the bride's thigh.

One would hear soft music . . . "Oh, promise me, orange blossoms, and happy tears.







Drag covergirl (#14) Toni Stevens lived such a dream. She had a kind of storybook wedding replete with ministers, ushers and bridesmaids.

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But the fun-loving Toni had a special wedding indeed. Before all the prints were returned . . . the marriage was over!

Toni Stevens, Miss once more, resumed her career as a pantomimist — housewife she was not! But there were no hard feelings with her ex — now how many movie stars can say that?

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PENNSYLVANIA BOX 15230

Cambria County, Pa. TV looking for get-togethers and dates with attractive men. Picture and phone with particulars about yourself in first letter, please . . .



MONTREAL, CANADA

BOX 15218

French Canadian tv wants to meet tv. Single, alone to get together. 50 years old, 5'10", 185 lbs., love to give and receive French and learn more gay. Alice



BOX 15238

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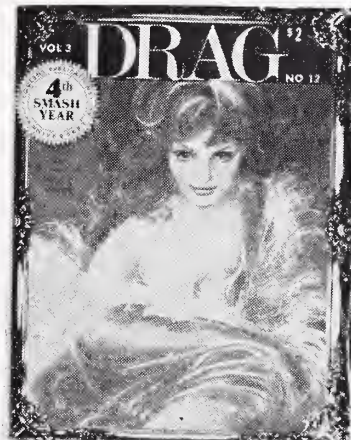
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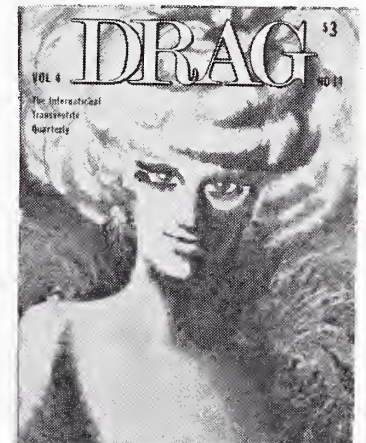
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SAN MATEO, CALIFORNIA BOX 15232

Tall, attractive tv, 30, would like to meet ultra-femme TS or TV who can pass. Also interested in meeting women who like lingerie and exotic clothes and make-up. I have few interests. I am shy and introverted, but easy to get along with.

CALIFORNIA BOX 15231

21 yr., slim tv, 5'10'', big hzl eyes and brown hair wishes to meet other girlie types. I need a feminine friend for occasional dates or correspondence.

BOX 15240

TV would like to date men & or dominant women in Vegas after correspondence.

TORONTO, ONT. CAN. BOX 15187

Male transvestite, 5'7'' and thrilled to be a she-male, 130 lbs., 5'8'' extremely hetero, clothes size 16 but some slips, dresses and coats size 14, shoes size 10½, convincingly young and feminine in drag though you'd never guess it when I'm straight; is revolted by the male persona and all its trappings; loves earrings and high heels, wigs, lace and handbags, miniskirts, long leather coats and all things swish; would like advice and help from females sophisticated in finer points of dress, make-up, and management of skirts. Would compensate by rendering similar assistance or sink your inhibitions and define your yearnings. Has beautiful fingernails, long, lustrous, smooth and oh! so career-miss! Is able at nail-wrapping and protection of nails from occupational hazards such as splitting and breaking. Accomplished in the art of applying basecoat, enamel and topcoat for long-lasting witchery. Asks for help in locating a beauty salon having room for mature and personable male as manicure virtuoso for weekends at present with full-time later. Holds current permit. Photographs nonexistent since unacquainted with person I could depend on to take them. You may respond with eclat and abandon, for your identity will be safe with me, and mine, I trust, with you. Erika

KILGORE, TEXAS BOX 15186

TV interested in corresponding and possible meeting in West Texas City. Answer all same day arrive. Please send photo. I'll do the same. 22, white Caucasian.

BUFFALO, N. Y. BOX 15189

New York, passive bi tv in mid 20s would like to hear from, meet and make new friends. TVs, females, bi-male and gays, please mke contact. Discretion assured.



NEW YORK BOX 15244

ADORES FRENCH! 40 years old, tv wishes to meet gay men NYC area for Saturday get-togethers only. Prefer older understanding men 55 years or older. Looks unimportant, but discretion a must. Send phone number if possible. Love, Sonia

LOS ANGELES, Ca. Box 15234

Blk tv wishes to meet others who share same interests. If anyone needs advice in dressing in female clothes, then maybe I can help. Also, I would like to meet someone who is a tailor or seamstress. Also am in need of a wig-stylist.

OREGON

BOX 15223

Hello Ladies! Are you tired of the same old inexperienced tv's? If you would love to write and meet an exceptional fem, try me, gals. I can transform you first class into a super pretty woman. I love heels, wigs, skirts, jewelry, well . . . everything feminine. With Love, Janice



NEVADA

BOX 15216

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CALIFORNIA

BOX 15256

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NEW JERSEY

BOX 15233

Young, Bi tv. I have many hot drag ms. Would like to meet tv and attend parties. Also int. in corresponding.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. BOX 15205

Male tv closet mostly would like to correspond with other tvs. I am 60 but not in bad shape. Photos will be traded. Frieda

OHIO

BOX 15212

Married hetero tv, age 30, 6', 180 lbs. wishes correspondence & meeting with all hetero tvs in Cleveland, Youngstown, Pittsburgh area. Needs help with makeup, hair styles, and being more feminine. Please reply. Cynthia

WISC & ILL

BOX 15211

Novice tv, age 31, would like to meet with others in area. Like panties, garterbelts, boots, etc. Free to travel and am sociable. Please send photo. Will answer all. Jody

NEW YORK

BOX 15207

TV in early 40s would like to hear from other tvs in the capital District.



MINNEAPOLIS BOX 15241

Minn 29 year-old tv wishes to meet other tvs or women in the twin cities area. Am mobile and will travel. Love exchanging pics and will answer all who write. Excellent at makeup and wardrobe. Would like to organize a tv social club in twin cities area. Fem name Patti.

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WASHINGTON BOX 15214

Like to meet bi-females or females interested in male cross-dresser and male escorts. Will please both. Walla Walla area.

NEW YORK BOX 15209

5'10", 170 lb., 31-year-old white married tv wishes to correspond with other married tvs and she-males having understanding wives or girlfriends. I love to dress up but my wife won't help.

PENNSYLVANIA BOX 15206

Philadelphia area male tv, single, very feminine, loves to appear publicly. Wishes to hear from other tv/ts's, understanding women, or men who would like to share an evening out. Please send photo for prompt reply. Elaine

CONNECTICUT BOX 15222

Submissive and attractive tv seeking lessons in being feminine from attractive woman or ts. Will act as maid. Must be clean and discrete.



CENTRAL FLA. BOX 15255
Hetero, married tv, world-wide professional entertainer and local businessman. Desires to correspond and exchange photos with tvs of all type. Discretion expected and returned. All answered that send photo. GYPSI.

KINGSPORT, TENN BOX 15219
28-yr-old pre-op TS wishes to correspond with men, TVs or TSs for possible future get-togethers. Will answer all letters which include photo. I have been on female hormone injections for approximately 6 months. Already have female figure. Can easily pass in public. RICKY Riki

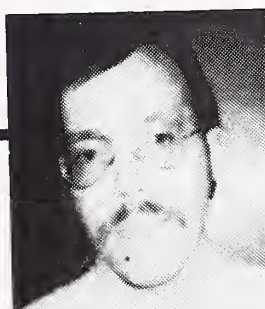
NEW YORK BOX 15208
Single Male, 29, 5' 9½'', would like to meet and date ts, tv or Drag Queen who can pass easily for dinner dates and fun. Please write soon.

LONG ISLAND BOX 15239
Generous, sincere, mature w/m, unwilling to suppress strong feminine crossdressing desires, seeks shopping and dressing relationship with bi-fem or accomplished f.i. L.I. Area, photo and phone please. Faye

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VIRGINIA BOX 15213
Virginia male wishes to meet and correspond with females and tvs not married. Am not gay, but love high heels and sexy fashions. Any nationality welcome.



WESTERN PA. BOX 15254
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NEW JERSEY BOX 15237
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Bl, w/m, 29. I am interested in hearing from young attractive ts's. I'm sincere, discreet, dependable and wish to hear from same. Correspondence welcome. Photo appreciated, girl, I'm waiting.

VIRGINIA**BOX 15251**

HI! My name is Kathy Kay. I'm 25 years old and would love to correspond with and meet other tvs. Photo and stamp appreciated, but will answer all.

**BOX 15240**

Male hetero tv w/understanding wife wishing to hear from others indulging in the same. Living in the Pacific area but travel to the states each summer. Would like to correspond and exchange photos and common problems. Discreet.

Rare, out-of-print tv/ts mags and books. Buy, sell or swap. Francine Logan, 4117 Stevenson, Apt. 240, Fremont, Cal. 94538. Send SSAE for list. Also any persons interested in forming a leather clothing club, please write.

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I love anything feminine. Would like to get together with others. I like to go out, but not alone. I would love to meet feal female who would like to help me.

MINNESOTA**BOX 15252**

Bisexual male, 38 yrs. old, desires to meet ts, tv, or drag queen for occasional dates. Am generous and can travel. Let me be a true friend. Picture, please.

WISCONSIN**BOX 15249**

Now forming chapter of nationwide straight tv support group, Society for the Second Self. Closeted and liberated tvs equally welcome.

ILLINOIS**BOX 15215**

Hetero tv just coming out desires to meet others in Northeast Chicago and suburbs. Your picture gets you mine. Joanne

TEXAS**BOX 15217**

Hetero tv, professional counselor desires to learn from others and be of help to any crossdresser in need of an understanding confidant. All counseling services are free. All correspondence is answered. Enjoy exchanging photos and ideas.

NEW YORK**BOX 15842**

Dynamic she/male seeks sincere MEN only. Interested in dating, cocktails, parties, etc. Dig everything. Late 30s, 5'8", 150 lbs., slim build. Only those sending photos, self-addressed stamped envelopes will be answered. Rusti

NEW YORK**BOX 15257**

TV-TS, 38, 6', 150, exotic, warm, friendly, sexually versatile, seeks same and sincere other types. Promise to answer all. Please write. TV-TS club, parties, possible in future. Jerry.

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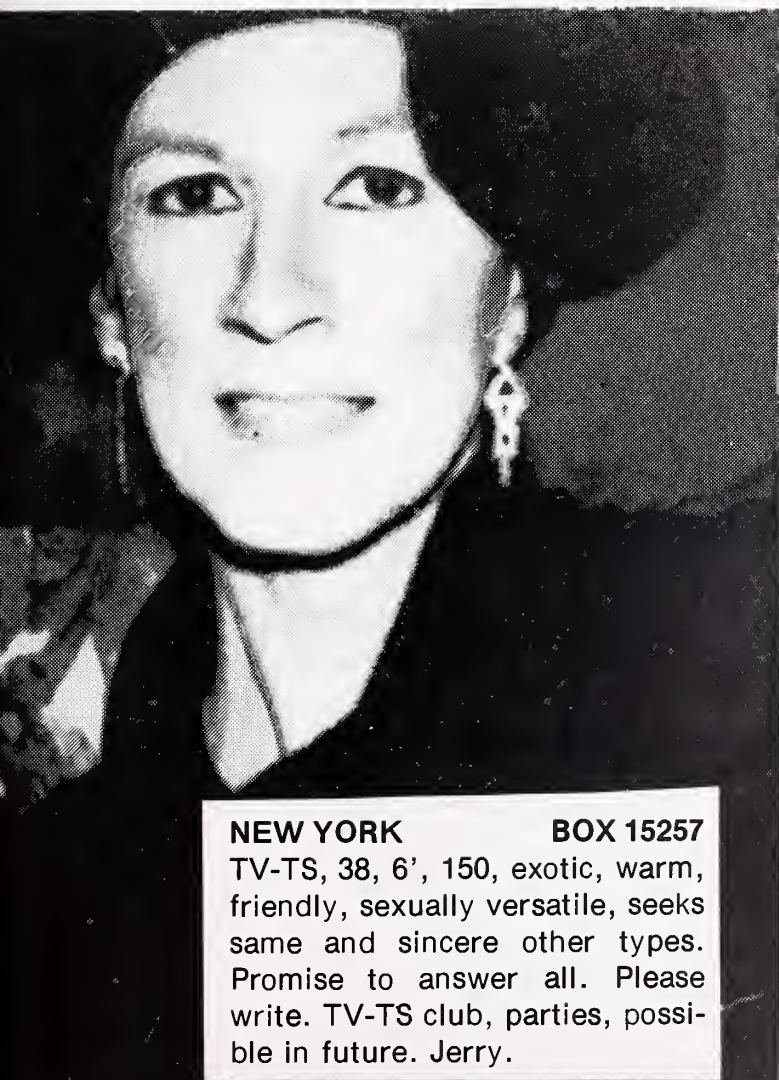
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Her daughter confuses her. The piano accompanist, Iris (drawn out to EYERIS) amuses her for being so diminutive. The audience is exciting.

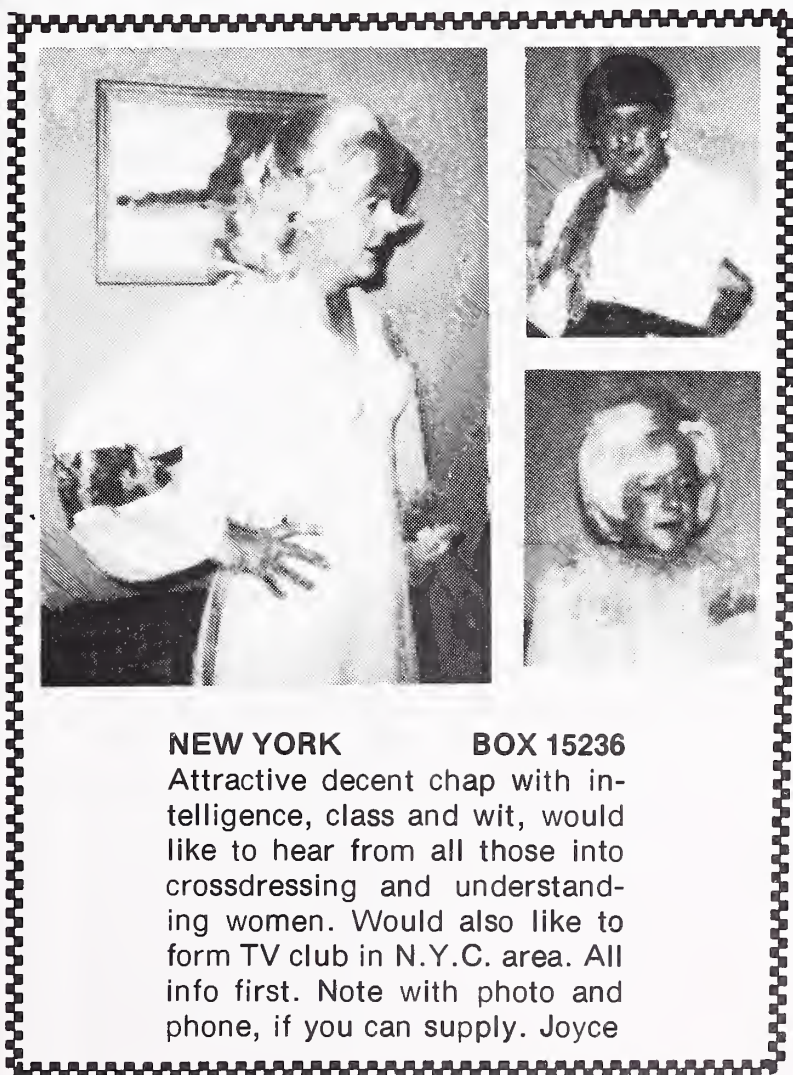
In fact, the whole basis for the act is an exchange between Edna and her guests. . . the theatre audience. She manages to remember and characterize about fifteen persons per show. She addresses them throughout. "Still reading the program . . . bookworm." "Watch the foreigner respond to the color and movement of my scarf."

Dame Edna was stopped momentarily once. She asked a lady in her audience if she knew her daughter. Of course, a "no" was the expected answer, so Edna could begin to talk about her. The lady responded, "Yes, I do, very well." Edna looked at her blankly for a moment, and at a second lost, responded, "Well, my dear, since you do know her where do you suppose we go (with the show) from here?" A second later, she showed us, knocking them out again.

I think I shall always remember Dame Edna pitching at least 1,000 gladioli into the balcony for a finale.

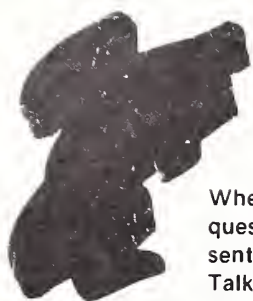
On behalf of American audiences, I would like to thank Dame Edna, for visiting us, and hope she will return.

COCO LOCKHART



NEW YORK BOX 15236

Attractive decent chap with intelligence, class and wit, would like to hear from all those into crossdressing and understanding women. Would also like to form TV club in N.Y.C. area. All info first. Note with photo and phone, if you can supply. Joyce



Girl Talk

Where ideas, letters to the editor, and questions can be asked and discussed. All letters sent to DRAG will be considered available for Girl Talk unless specifically mentioned otherwise. Come on, Readers. Chatter Away . . .



Dear Lee,

I appreciate your prompt reply to my letter and am requesting that you send me two packages of the Modeling Wax. It really works well on my eyebrows. I have a technique that works great. I'm enclosing a couple of pictures that show the coverage. I hope I have enough to last for the upcoming Fantasia Fair. I attended it last year and had a fantastic time. It's probably the best opportunity us tvs will get. Hope you can make it. You're a real plus to any affair.

You probably do not remember me, but I visited you a couple of years ago after you moved into your new location. I was with Kay Campbell. We had a terrific time.

Your friend,

JACKIE

We thought we would show you Jackie's experimenting and success with eyebrow covering. Since many of us cannot shape our brows for familial and business reasons, alternative means can be employed.

Time and time again, TVs come to us with particular makeup problems. Each individual is a special case. With something even as general as foundation covering, a certain tempering to the individual's uniqueness is necessary.

Experimentation, practice and patience are the only answers. Thank you, Jackie, for sharing your techniques with us. Has anyone else discovered a special trick to share with us here at DRAG?

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Included in the full plan are two brunches, three dinners, one banquet, one "Town and Gown Buffet Supper," and two cocktail receptions. Participants are free to make their own plans for other meals.

???ANY QUESTIONS???

IF SO YOU MAY WRITE TO EVE GOODWIN c/o

Fantasia Fair 1978

102 CHARLES ST., SUITE 433, BOSTON, MASS. 02114.

Dear Bebe and Lee,

Just a line to say hello and let you know that issue #25 of DRAG is the best yet! That cover really was beautiful, the silverish quality and Vicky's drawing blended just right, to make a very effective and striking cover.

By the way, the Renee Richards story on page 3 is in error. I just saw her on TV with Howard Cosell, she is still in tennis, and plans to stay as long as she feels she is able to.

I wish I could work on a trip to New York so that I can finally meet you and get a chance to see Rusti Richards again. What she has been through has hurt me deeply. Why do we have to be so judged? You are such an angel to help her out. [*Rusti was a fireman who lost his job due to dressing. She is now an employee of ours.*]

I think you are two of the nicest people I know.

With love and affection,

TERRI

We thank you for your interest, hon, but you read our article incorrectly. We IMPLIED the possibility of Rene's leaving the tennis world, hence it was followed by a question mark. This particular article was gleaned from sources of an exclusive interview in the New York Post, a major daily newspaper.

Anyway, since Renee has become a woman, she has the female reserved right of changing her mind. We hope she stays in the public eye, and continues to make strides for the TS in society.

We do appreciate any and all updates on our news features that our readers may come across. Also, if a particular reader has a question or comment which will be of interest or help to others, this is the perfect place for such a written discussion.

DRAG intends to remain the best source of information for the transvestite, but we can do so only with your continued help. Lee gets tired of reading so many newspapers, magazines and books searching for information . . . Please help.

BEBE

Dear Lee and Bebe:

This letter is written in response to a letter in DRAG Vol. 7, No. 25, from "Marilyn." I have heard similar sentiments from drag queens, transsexuals and transvestites. We are all different, yet we are all similar. I think that a lot of bad feelings come from people who believe we are all alike, or all different, or we should all be alike. It would seem that a lot of guilt would not appear if we would learn to appreciate our differences and not be overly concerned about them.

I think that if you are a really neat person,

I think that you are a really neat person, and that you've come a lot further in appreciating who we are. Think of what this means!! For some strange reason a lot of people in the drag community fail to accept each other, as if this were some impossible task. It's people like you who show this wonderful love possible, and I like to think that I can show this love, also.

DEBBIE ZANE

THANK YOU, HONEY, FOR SAYING IT ALL. DRAG is a little word but could hold all of us if we let it. BEBE & LEE

Dear Lee and Bebe,

First, let me say how much I enjoyed Issue #25 of DRAG. I think it is one of the best you've ever put out. Bebe Scarpie's article on casting for that movie was really great. At present there are far too few people writing about the TV scene that have Bebe's wit and ability. She's cute, too.

I hope to be able to come to New York this summer and will certainly visit your boutique if I do.

Thanks,

BOBBIE

It certainly is pleasant when we receive a letter from a gentleman, who has intelligence, integrity, honesty and perception. He also shows excellent choice in Drag Queens [me] . . . Bebe

Dear Friends,

Would you please do me a favor? I have been receiving DRAG up through issue #25 (which is marvelous, by the way . . . love Vicky's cover). Please keep me posted when my subscription gets close to terminating. I have been a subscriber to your magazines for years now, and I find them immensely enjoying and encouraging. As far as this closet

queen is concerned, your publications are the ONLY ones which cover the world of the transvestite with dignity and taste — adjectives which, I believe, are sadly lacking in the more exploitive publications.

You might be interested in an important incident which I attribute directly to the encouragement of your sympathetic and compassionate understanding of "Closet Phobia." Encouraged by the writings of such lovely people as Bebe and Linda, I decided to reveal to my wife of three years my transvestism. Since it is such an important part of my personal life, I felt that I owed it to her to be honest and upfront about it. I had no idea of what her reaction might be; I just felt that it would be the honest thing to do.

To my surprise and complete delight, she showed an attitude of complete understanding and sensitivity. She was quick to admit that my crossdressing did not "turn her on" sexually — which, of course, was an honest admission on her part. But she has since shown to be considerate and even helpful to me. She makes suggestions, helps me with makeup, buys items for me and encourages me to "do my thing" whenever I feel like doing it.

I cannot tell you what a relief this experience has been for me! And I really admit that I owe it all to you, Lee, your beautiful people and your superb publications. The only magazine which comes close to them, in my opinion, is *Transvestia*, which is the reason for the enclosed order form. . . Please send me issue #89.

You are appreciated and loved by more people than you know.

With love,

STAN

Dear Stan,

We rarely get letters advising us that we are appreciated and it is good to know how you feel. I'm also happy that telling your wife about your transvestism ended in such a positive reaction. Most people [wives, mothers, family] if they love you, will usually understand. Just don't give her too much of your femme self and not enough of your masculine side. After all, she did marry a Man and wants to see him around the house. . . occasionally. Don't just take . . . give in return. Otherwise, she might change her mind and object to your "dressing."



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